

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 11 and 17, and to add new claims 32 and 33.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

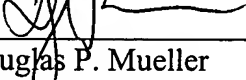
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 371.5237.

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Abstract

An information recording medium has a recording portion where three-dimensional information can be recorded. The recording portion includes at least one particle-containing layer (recording layer or a recording auxiliary layer) containing particles absorbing at least a part of light having a predetermined wavelength and substantially transparent to a recording light and a reproducing light having a wavelength longer than the predetermined wavelength and a particle holding material substantially transparent to the recording and reproducing lights. The mean particle size of the particles is preferably shorter than the wavelengths of the recording and reproducing lights.